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SERIAL NO: 10/586,675 :  
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FOR: SILICON COMPOUNDS FOR PRODUCING SIO<sub>2</sub>-CONTAINING INSULATING  
LAYERS ON CHIPS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 24, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.